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The San Angelo Press aims to be in harmony with the reading people of the great territory of Southwest Texas and a live local newspaper of the fertile section of country. Its columns are devoted to Stock growers, breeders and farming news, interspersed with Home, Industrial and useful information.

Questions and information. When advice or information is desired, always enclose two stamps for postage and stationery, and your answer will be either through the columns of the Press, or by mail as soon as possible. Simply address as above.

San Angelo is a prosperous little city of 5200 population, very nearly 2000 feet above the sea level, which makes it an ideal place for the invalid, as the warm, dry atmosphere is not too rare for those suffering with any cough or lung affection, while it also rapidly cures the rheumatic or those with systems loaded with malaria.

It is an ideal health resort, furnished by nature, at the forks of the North and South Concho rivers, two streams of pure spring water. The land of Tom Green county and the great Concho country is unsurpassed for fertility, yielding cotton, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley, and all sorts of fruits and vegetables grow in abundance.

If you want any special information regarding lands, cattle, climate, health or location The Press will gladly aid you if it can. Simply enclose two 2-cent stamps for postage and stationery, and address The Editor.

Austin Spencer, the Land Agent, will be pleased to answer any question by correspondence, will sell or trade, and should you conclude to visit San Angelo kindly call and let me show you the country.

AUSTIN SPENCER,
The Land Agent.

Sanderson had a heavy snow Dec. 8, and everything froze up.

Gov. Ferguson, new governor of Oklahoma, assumed the duties of the office Dec. 9.

James O'Neill, the noted actor whose best play is "Count of Monte Cristo," is now playing in Texas. If we had a fine opera house we could have best talent on the road.

Wheat and corn are steadily advancing. May wheat was quoted the other day at 83 cents and May corn at 69 cents. So, everything is booming and prices are going skyward.

Gov. Candler vetoed the Dispensary Bill recently passed by the Legislature of that state, contending that dispensaries are a detriment rather than a benefit.

Candies at J. H. Smith & Co.
We keep fresh candy in stock all the time. Nothing old and stale. Everybody knows Blanke Bros. candy, we handle it. J. H. Smith & Co.

PICKLES AT ADAMS'
Just received fresh shipment, Heinz's kraut, pickles, sweet pickles, preserves and mince meat in bulk at Adams'.

Pitchfork Tillman, the wool hat and one-gallon Senator from South Carolina, has again challenged his colleague McLaurin to resign and go home and fight over their troubles. Some people have strange tastes and it does seem sort of queer for the people of the old Palmetto State to select such a freak to represent them at Washington.



Avoid Exposure

Keep the chest, back and throat warm, and there will be little danger of colds, coughs, pneumonia, chest or lung troubles.

FROST KING Chamola Vests for Men and Boys

MADE OF CHAMOIS LINED WITH FLANNEL

FROST QUEEN Chamola Vests for Women and Girls

MADE OF CHAMOIS COVERED WITH FLANNEL

IN SIX DIFFERENT COLORS

(Tailor Made)

These vests are made to keep the tender upper portion of the body warm—the throat, chest and back. They hold the heat of the body and keep out the cold. Green fabrics do not give security in changing climates. Chamola does! It is the best cold weather garment. These garments will keep you well, and help you enjoy the winter days.

Made by Bauer & Black, Chicago, U. S. A.

For Sale By

Concho Drug Store,

San Angelo, Texas.

Mail orders promptly filled. Send bust or chest measure.

Stock News.

J. Rathmel shipped Dec. 9 one car of horses to Anson Bros. at Ft. Worth.

W. G. Cawley will ship two cars of cattle Dec. 13 to St. Louis.

R. Bailey will ship Dec. 13, two cars of cattle to St. Louis.

J. E. Burleson will ship Dec. 13 two cars of cattle to St. Louis.

R. S. Campbell will ship 28 cars of cattle to St. Louis, Dec. 14.

J. French will ship 9 cars of cattle Dec. 15.

J. B. Floyd, Souora, will ship to day three carloads of fat cows to the Live Stock Commission Co., St. Jo, Mo.

Chas. Bohmke bought one carload of fat cows from W. C. Jones and will ship them to day.

We are offering this season special inducements in prices to the churches and Sunday schools wanting Candies, Fruits, Nuts, etc., for Christmas trees, romps and other entertainments. We carry the most complete line of Christmas candies in the west.

Taylor & Johnson.

Keep an open eye, don't let a bargain go by. Henry Short has a few dozen jars of Pure Home made Preserves left, much better and cheaper than the manufactured.

The blind musicians make the streets lively every night with their various renditions of different music. The sentimental pieces suit a certain class, the marches another, and the break downs suit practically everybody. Of course, it is not of the high falutin kind, where you have to sort of hold a pretty tight grip when they soar around among those higher notes at the musical recital, but the kind that suits the people before they have taken on such a lot of polish. Well, keep on fiddling professor; you are about the best we have heard. You are doing your part in this world to make the people see that there is a bright side for all troubles and cares.

No Xmas present for the money will please your friends so much as a photo of yourself or children. Ragsdale will make a good one for you at small cost.

LOST.—On Wednesday evening in the city one red bull calf 5 months old, no brand or mark, in fine order. A liberal reward will be paid for his delivery to Ellis Stable. E. C. Sugg.

H. B. Echols, who filed on a section of land held by B. M. Collins, was ordered to vacate his claim by the District Court, and pay the costs of court, since B. M. Collins held the land by letters patent dated Feb. 3, 1898. The land in question was 640 acres about 15 miles from San Angelo near Grape Creek. So it has proven to be an expensive experiment for Mr. Echols and probably one of considerable trouble to Mr. Collins.

The Bridge Beach cooking stoves, cooks and bakes to perfection, it will just suit you, there is nothing better for cooking or in price they run from \$7.50 and upwards and are guaranteed by J. S. Miles.

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In the case of M. B. Pulliam vs. E. A. Dragoo it appeared that the following minors, Samuel E. Charley A., Walter E. and Green were also defendants in the case in question, without a guardian in the State, so the Court appointed D. D. Wallace for the said minors.

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The Legal Tender Restaurant is more popular than ever since Steve Killman has taken charge. He serves to suit.

They say speculation has struck the wool market so look out for a big rise. It is said that Boston is almost bare of spring Texas and California wools, and the woolen goods trade is enjoying an almost phenomenal boom in its history, and a sharp advance in the price of our wool.

Cracker Jack.

Cracker Jack, Cracker Jack. Is the most delicious confectionery put up in a 5c package.

Taylor & Johnson.

Secretary Hitchcock for Irrigation.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Secretary Hitchcock of the department of the interior, in his annual report, says regarding the arid lands of the West:

Briefly stated, the results of the examinations of the extent to which arid lands can be reclaimed by irrigation, made by the committees of congress, show that while one third of the United States is still vacant there are relatively few localities where homes can now be made. This is not because the soil is barren or infertile, but on account of the difficulty in securing an adequate water supply. There is water to be had, but this water is mainly in large rivers, from which it can be taken only by great structures, or the supply comes in sudden floods and cannot be utilized until great reservoirs have been built. It is impossible for a laboring man or an association of settlers to build these great works.

The pioneer coming to the arid region found many small streams from which water could be taken out upon agricultural land. He was able through his own efforts to irrigate a small farm and to make a home. These easily available waters have been taken, and a man can no longer secure a foothold, although there still remain 600 million acres of vacant land. It is possible, by water storage and by building diversion works from great rivers to bring water to points where such men can utilize it and can enjoy opportunities similar to those had by the earlier settlers. Unless this is done much of the country must remain barren, and thousands of men and women, eager to become independent citizens must remain as wanderers or tenants of others. Enough work has been done by private capital to demonstrate the fact that water conservation and the diversion of large rivers is practicable, but like many other works of great public importance, it cannot be made a source of profit. The works of reclamation already constructed have, as a rule, been unprofitable, and capitalists are no longer seeking opportunities for reclaiming desert land when the probabilities are against their receiving an adequate compensation for the risk and labor involved.

MANY CONDITIONS TO BE MET.

Two distinct conditions are to be clearly distinguished in the problem of water conservation for the development of the West. On the other hand, there are localities where the agricultural lands along the rivers have been brought under irrigation and there is demand for water to an extent far exceeding the supply, and where all of the flood water, though stored, would not suffice to satisfy the demands of the lands now partly tilled. The other contrasting condition is where there still remain vast bodies of public land for which water can be provided by means of reservoirs or by diversions from large rivers whose flow cannot be used. Here the construction of works of reclamation in no way affects lands now in private ownership. Between these two extremes are all varieties of intermediate conditions, but these may be arbitrarily classed with one or the other.

In the first case reservoirs, if constructed, must be treated in the same way in which other public works having to do with rivers and harbors are managed. The water conserved should be to increase the flow of the stream during the season of drouth, regulating the volume so that it can be utilized to the best advantage according to laws and customs prevailing in the locality. This is comparable to the conditions where the outlet of an harbor has been improved without reference to the benefits to the owners of the docks around the shores. Under the other condition, where there are unappropriated waters flowing to waste which can be brought within reach of public land, it is possible to make provisions such that the government can be reimbursed for its expenditure. The lands to be benefited by such works should be reserved for homestead entry only in small tracts, each being subject to the payment, before the title is finally passed, of a sum equivalent to the cost of storing or conserving the water, such payment to be made, if desired, in installments extending over a number of years.

MEN'S SHOES AT ROBERTSON'S

Our men's shoes at \$3.50 are good enough for any body. Jno D Robertson, Jr.

Candies at J. H. Smith & Co.
We keep fresh candy in stock all the time. Nothing old and stale. Everybody knows Blanke Bros. candy, we handle it. J. H. Smith & Co.

For Cypress tanks and troughs see E. L. McAlpine.

Fire Works Boys.

It is getting mighty near Christmas time and the boys know that time comes but once a year and while it is against the law to have your fire works, there are lots of other things done that are also against the law, so it does look pretty tough to make laws to prevent the boys from having a fine old time on Christmas. Every boy wants to do exactly what Dad did when he wore short pants, and every boy as he grows into long pants, it is nothing but natural for him to want to do all that Dad did when his pants began to grow longer, even if he had to put a little sugar on the bottom to call them down below the high water mark.

All we can say is, we are sorry for you boys, and we believe it is a shame, that you can't do exactly what Dad did in his boyhood days, for boys should be boys and have a glorious time at Christmas time, since it only comes once a year. Ask Dad what he used to do at Christmas time. Make him tell you all about himself and maybe the good old times will make him think that all boys like to have a good time.

RUGS AT ROBERTSON'S

Rugs make appropriate Christmas presents. We have some nice new patterns.

Jno D Robertson, Jr.

BOARDERS WANTED.

Mrs. L. L. Whitney has rented the Hubbell house and has rooms for regular boarders, also can give table board. Everything well cooked and served to please.

The Advertiser had Small Faith.

An old fashioned lack of faith in the results to be obtained by advertising though the doubter is paying out many dollars every month on advertising accounts, is not infrequent even in these enlightened days, says Profitable Advertising. A prosperous manufacturer recently got out an entirely new line of goods, and because of some lapse in his usual conversation, the advertising man of the concern found a chance to use the papers of the country very freely in blazoning the merits of the new goods.

After a couple of months the manufacturer awoke to the recklessness of using so much newspaper space, and made a move to cut it all out, remarking incidentally that he 'couldn't understand at all how this new line of goods had taken so well, they were almost submerged with orders, and yet nothing had really been done to bring it before the public.' He didn't count the newspaper advertising as a factor in selling goods and could hardly be persuaded to give it the credit for a phenomenally good start off to his wares, even though by the law of exclusion there was no other way of accounting for it.

For bath tubs see E. L. McAlpine.



LUCKY CURVE the best Fountain Pen on earth. would make a very useful Christmas Gift.

In Making Your Selections for Xmas,

DON'T FAIL TO LOOK OVER MY STOCK AND GET MY PRICES BEFORE BUYING.

Come in early, while my stock is complete, and make your choice. We have PRESENTS to please everybody and will put it aside for you.

NO TROUBLE TO SHOW YOU GOODS.

H. D. LEFFEL,

"Christmas comes but once a year, And it is almost here. Tell me girls, tell me boys: What you'd like for Christmas."

THE PIONEER DRUG STORE,

Opposite Landon Hotel.

F. J. ADAMS,

Dealer in FANCY AND STAPLE GROCERIES, GRAIN, HAY AND RANCH SUPPLIES. PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES

HOLIDAY GIFTS AT ROBERTSON'S

Ladies and gentlemen's handkerchiefs and muffs make appropriate holiday gifts, we have them. Jno D Robertson, Jr.

PICKLES AT ADAMS'

Just received fresh shipment, Heinz's kraut, pickles, sweet pickles, preserves and mince meat in bulk at Adams'.

The grand jury adjourned on Wednesday after finding five indictments for felony.

Wraps at Robertson's

Capes, Jackets and collarettes. Jno D Robertson, Jr.

PRESERVES AT ADAMS'

Just received Heinz's bulk preserves and mince meat at Adams'.

Mrs. L. S. Whitney has rented the Hubbell House, and intends to keep a first-class boarding house.

OVERCOATS AT ROBERTSON'S

I have some splendid values in men's overcoats. Jno D Robertson, Jr.

COTTON SEED.

I. Wright & Son have a few tons of cotton seed for sale at once.

The Press is requested to state that there will be a meeting of the school committee at the Court House on Monday night at 8 o'clock and all are earnestly requested to be present.

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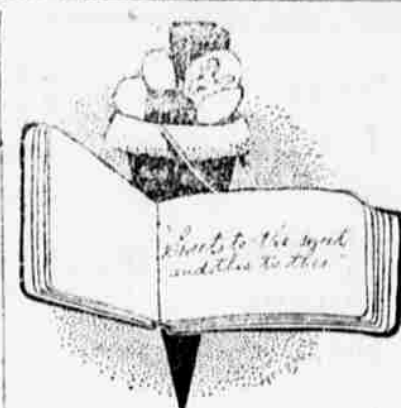
Ribbon cane molasses at Henry Short's, just like you got there last winter. This is pure and that's no joke.

District Court has been going on this week and the cases of Kid Hall, Charley Duke and Bob Rausau, who are at present out on bond, on the charge of murder were continued until the next term.

The Leader windmill. Best wood wheel for least money. E. L. McAlpine.

"Let us go and eat with Uncle Steve Killman at the Legal Tender Restaurant," is the way the boys are putting it now.

The Salvation Army has a staunch supporter in John Freeland, who is chuck full of arguments in their favor. It is our opinion that John would not make a bad preacher after a little training, as he has the will power.



Wiley's Candies

The ladies prefer Wiley's, the packages are simply exquisite and real treasures.

Fresh stock every week of Wiley's and other manufactures.

Yours to Please,

John Freeland,

The Confectioner and dealer in fine fruit.

New Arrivals.

Fancy Cape Cod Granberries, Fresh Grits, White Scotch Oats, Banner Oats in 3 lb packages with dish, pure fruit preserves in 1, 3, 5 and 15 pound packages, also pure fruit Jellies, guaranteed to be as good as the best and sold at close prices.

We ask you to inspect our line of groceries and get our prices before placing your next order.

Yours for business,

A. D. White & Co

Phone 77.

FIGURE WITH CAMERON & CO.

You will find it will be to your interest to figure with Wm. Cameron & Co if you want a bill of lumber as they carry the best stock in the city and meet all prices.

Repair Work at Mitchell's.

Hacks, delivery wagons, buggies or surreys are repaired in the quickest of time. Master Mechanic John M. Moody has charge of the work and everything is guaranteed by H. H. Mitchell.

HONEY AT ADAMS'

You can get extracted, comb and section honey at Adams'.